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Act now to save country

Bro. Eddie: Top 5 officials need plan to avoid bloodshed

AMID MOUNTING CALLS for President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign, religious leader Bro. Eddie Villanueva has appealed to the country's five highest officials to sit down and draw up a plan to resolve the worsening political crisis.



POWERFUL COMBINATION

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'Classmates' wish GMA well

Adoptive PMA mistahs hope she'll weather the storm

By Inquirer Northern Luzon

FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO City—Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday spoke to the alumni of the Philippine Military Academy in this year's homecoming on behalf of President Macapagal-Arroyo, who skipped the event due to security concerns over an alleged plot to kill her.

Ermita apologized to some 1,700 alumni who attended the affair, saying they knew very well why Ms Arroyo could not come, despite the fact that she is an adoptive member of PMA "Makatarungan" Class of 1978, one of the host classes of the homecoming.

"I was about to be introduced [illegible] a phone call. It was the President checking up on me. That's how hands-on President Arroyo is," Ermita, a member of PMA Class of 1957, told his fellow alumni.

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"By now all of you are aware of the reason for her absence in this activity. She was doubly enthusiastic [about] coming here, taking pride in being an honorary member of the senior host class, but she heeded the advice of Gen. [illegible] [illegible] for reasons you all know," he said.

Reactions to her absence

The Inquirer asked some members of the class if they believed the plot against Ms Arroyo but no one had a straight answer.

Instead, they offered Ms Arroyo their sympathy, saying they hoped she could weather the storm.

"We wanted President Arroyo [illegible] homecoming [illegible] everything," said Brig. Gen. [illegible], a member of Class of 1978.

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Safe in Pangasinan

But Ms Arroyo was less than 100 km away from Baguio City at that time on Saturday. She opened an airstrip and led the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a two-story, four-classroom school building at the [illegible] Central School in [illegible], Pangasinan.

She arrived at about 10 a.m. in the town and was welcomed by local officials, [illegible] national president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines.

The town, which is [illegible], is the hometown of Ms Arroyo's late mother, Eva Macaraeg Macapagal.

The 900-meter long airstrip is owned by the [illegible] Flying School, which began operations there two years ago.

Not everyone shared Class 1978's feelings towards the President.

A member of PMA [illegible] Class of 1998, who asked not to be identified, said: [illegible]

[illegible]

"Just leave the politics to politicians," he said.

Ermita assured the alumni that Ms Arroyo's relationship with PMA "will always be of mutual trust and confidence."

To prove this, he enumerated how many PMA graduates now serve the Arroyo administration, beginning with four Cabinet secretaries, [illegible] ambassadors and 31 other officials holding key positions in government.

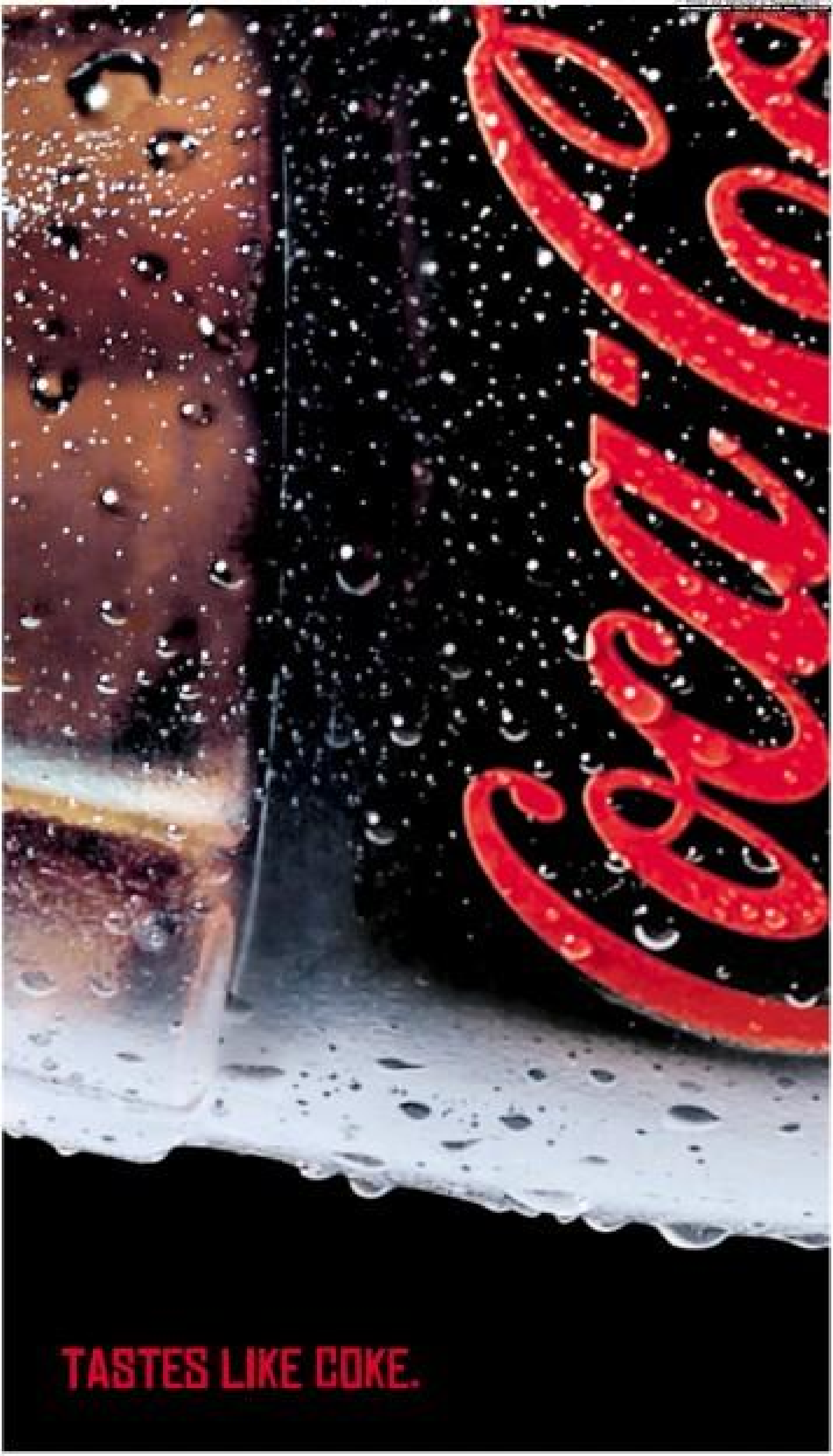
About those housing funds

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All normal at PMA

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With reports from [illegible]


TASTES LIKE COKE.

GIRRAFFES FOR CROCS

Tanzania offers animal swap



By Tina G. Santos

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANzania in Africa is willing to donate giraffes and elephants to the Manila Zoo in exchange for Philippine crocodiles.

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Indian, Thai elephants

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FAMILY FEUD

Green Cross case set for arraignment

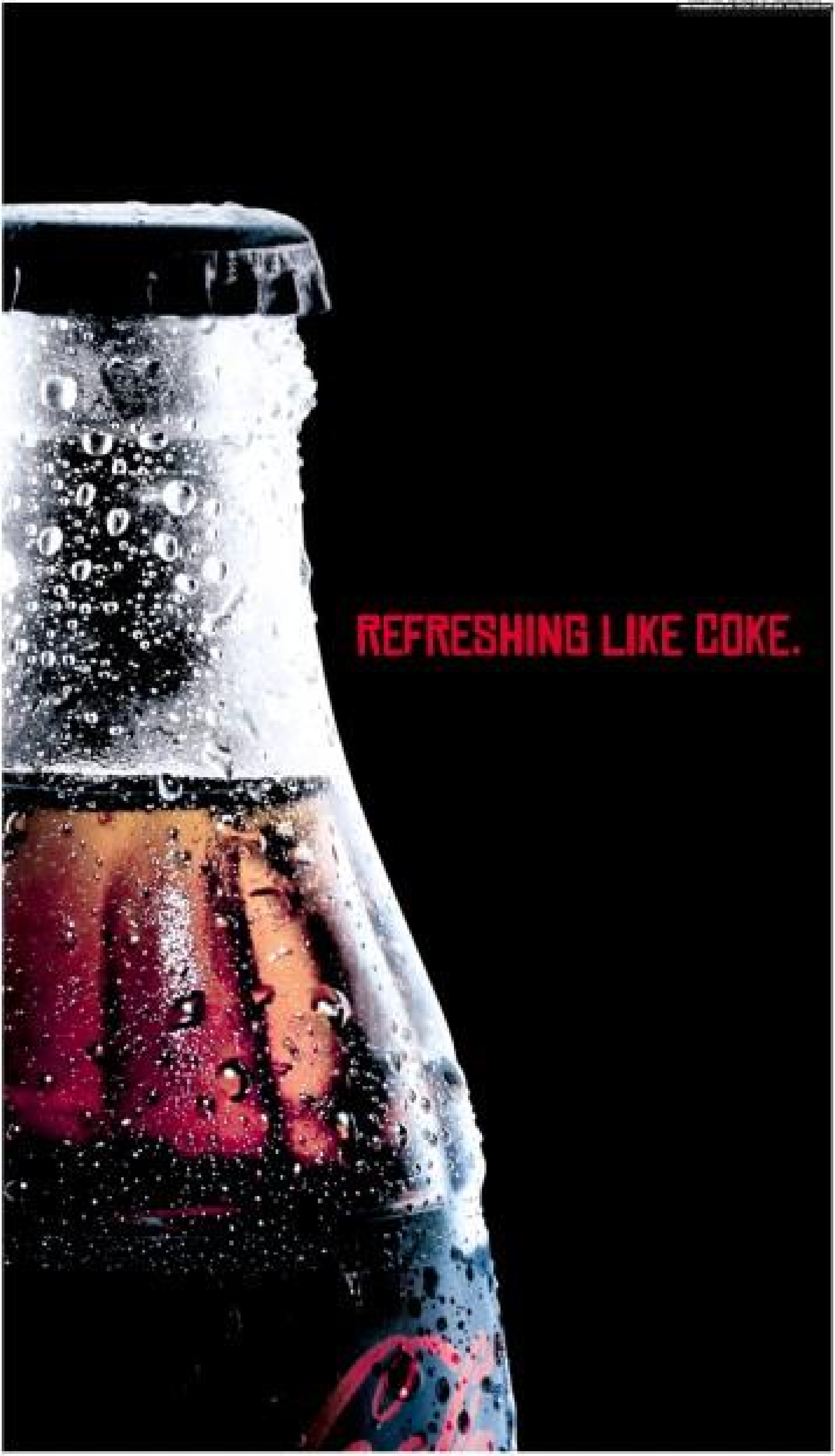
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6 face raps for trafficking of Filipinas

By Tina G. Santos

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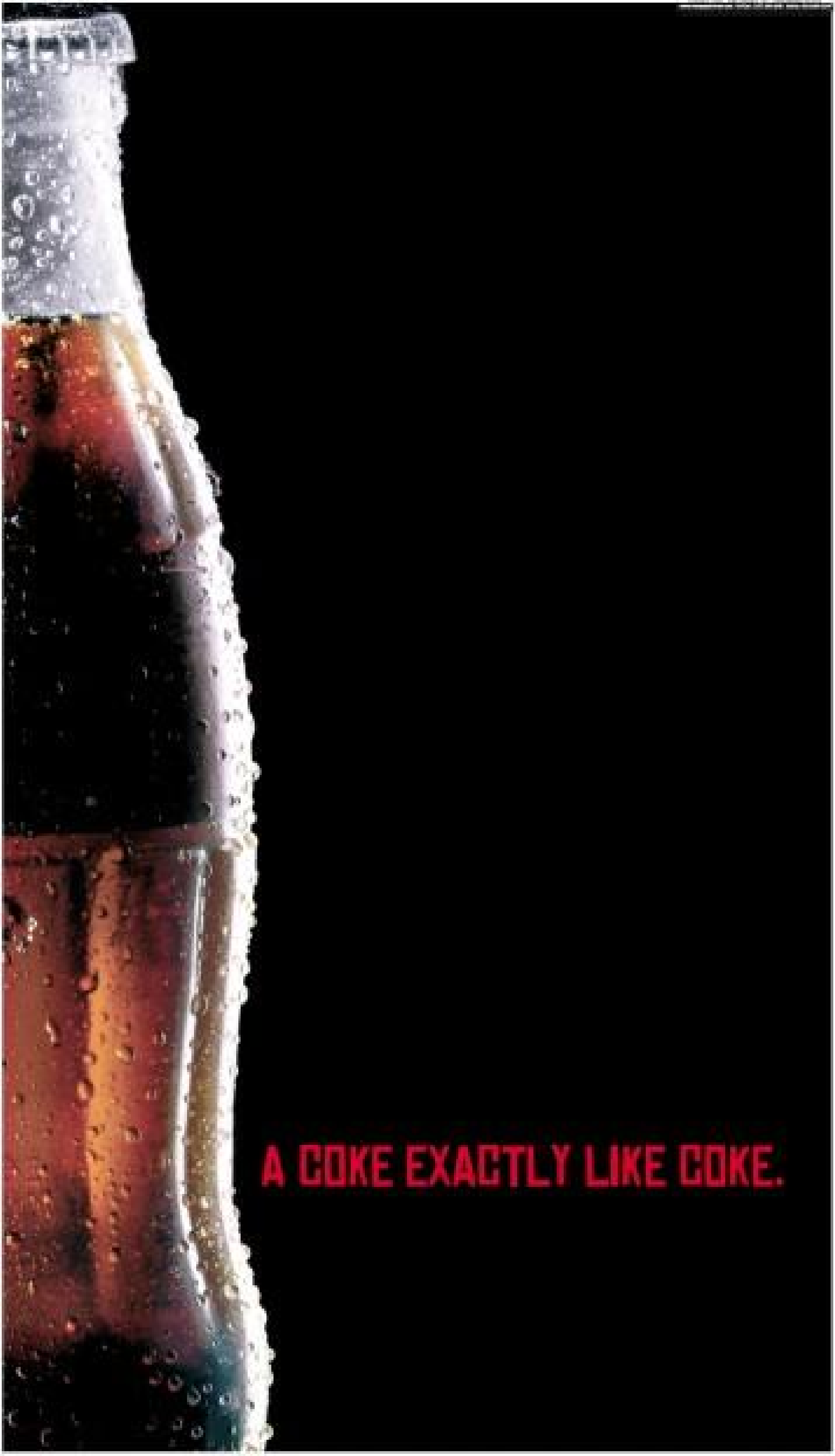

REFRESHING LIKE COKE.

GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT

MBC chair lashes back at Bunye

DIRECT HIRING GUIDELINES

Workers welcome POEA retreat

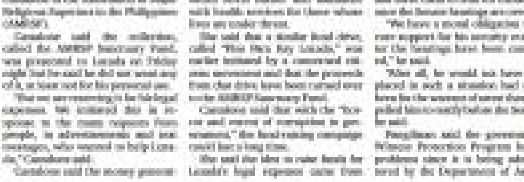

A COKE EXACTLY LIKE COKE.



Palace: Mike A to attend probe if health allows

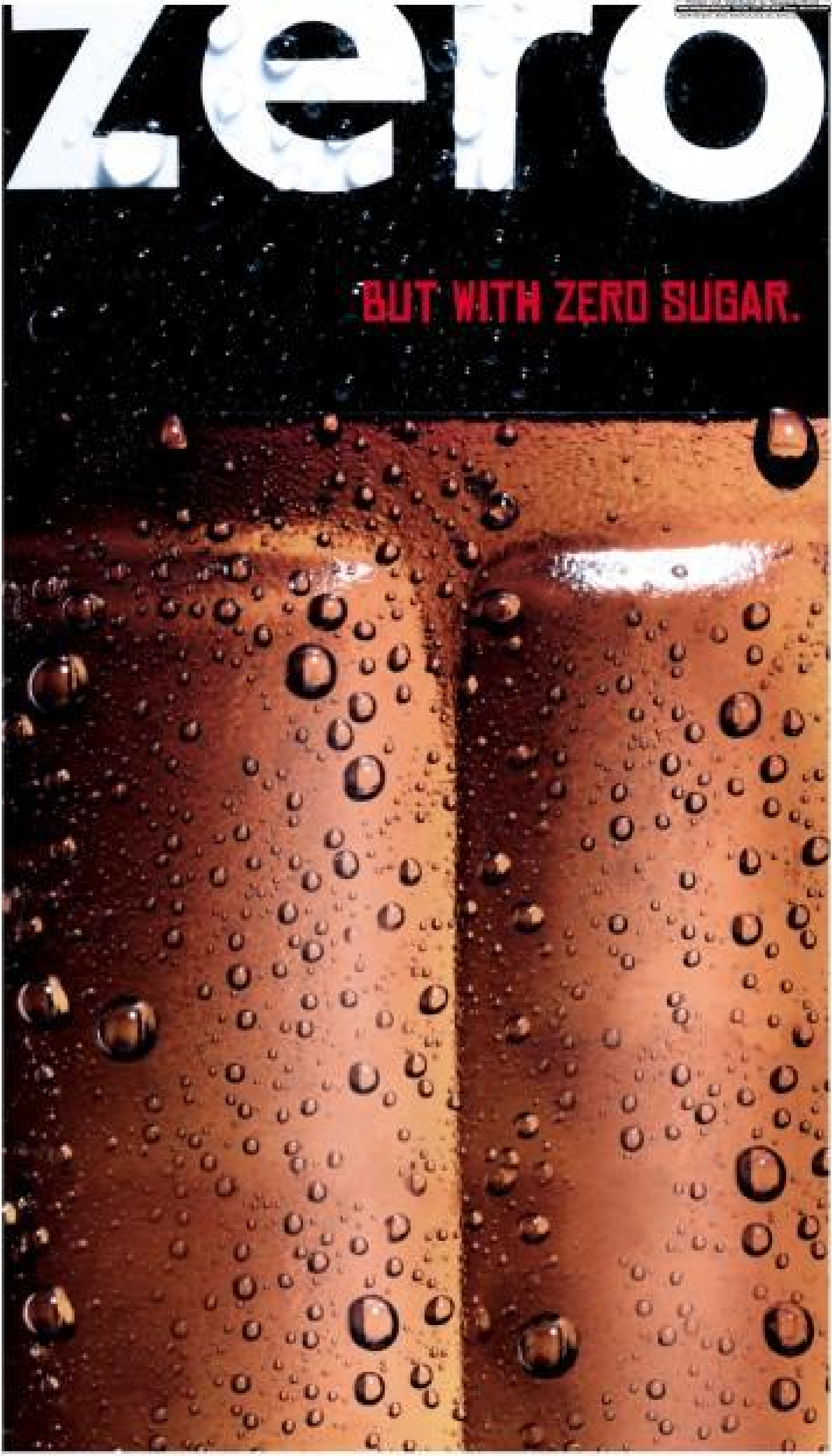
Mystery man called to Senate

'Piso' piling up for Jun Lozada



Act now . . .

'Tis the season for evasion


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BUT WITH ZERO SUGAR.



NOVEMBER 29 MOVEMENT That's the date last year when an armored tank stopped by the lobby of the Peninsula to flush out ... Trillanes and his company ... to include members of the media, according to the PNP. Well, the true believers were there last Friday ...

From Makati skyscrapers to the streets, message is the same



COUPLE IN CRIME With apologies to ... the Gabriela folk take to heart their fondest wish for Ms Arroyo to resign.

LAST FRIDAY AT THE JUNCtion of Ayala Avenue and Paseo de Roxas, the biggest rally yet mounted against President Arroyo happened. It was distinctly different for the absence of politicians on center stage and their bombastic speeches and the lack of red flags that predictably dominated previous protest assemblies and scared off the middle forces. Instead, voices from the street, the unknown and nameless were heard. But the message was the same from the high-rises to the pavements of the streets.



JOEY ON FIRE The second ... of the ... House Speaker ... his attacks on the Arroyo administration ... directly linking ... the NBN-ZTE scandal ... with reference to "my president" during his initial appearance at the Senate hearing.



THE THEME ...



FAMILIAR FACES TURN RED Gabriela protesters throw tomatoes at a blowup picture of the First Couple in front of the LTA building in Makati City. The rallyists proceeded to Ayala Avenue.



TEARS FOR FEARS ... was not at the rally but he was on the minds of thousands who were there at Paseo de Roxas and Ayala Avenue. His name ... mentioned and his bigger-than-life photo was on parade.



DISSENTERS AT THE GATE Women members of Gabriela came marching in with their streamers crammed with anger words right in front of the LTA building owned by the First Gentleman. ... The rest of it is now owned by The Firm, which had the First Family as its most prominent clients once.

SHOW OF FORCE An Army company in full battle gear, six armored personnel carriers and two Scorpion light tanks rolled into Camp Aguinaldo to augment the 1,000 ... force. Two thousand ... troops were deployed in the Makati rally. Another 2,000 ... were on standby at Fort Bonifacio.




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REAL COKE TASTE. ZERO SUGAR.
GET READY TO BE ZEROED.

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Forked tongue

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SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz



For love or for sale?

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Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD



Hail to the Court; a toast to truth

WITH DUE RESPECT

Artemio V. Panganiban



'Green' tips for the anti-GMA

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Rina Jimenez-David



The debt delusion

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Liars

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista



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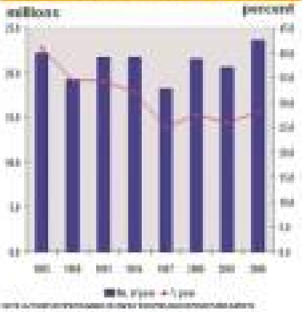
No regrets

TALK of the TOWN

POVERTY REDUCTION

What we know and don't know

Table 1: Poverty trends (1985 to 2006)





1 of every 3 Filipinos

Incidence rising

Poorest regions

Unrest

Mostly rural

Sustainability

Pro-poor growth

Migration

Global marketplace

Challenge

Table 2: Poverty reduction in six countries

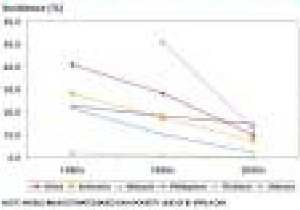


Table 3: Poverty incidence among regions



Across the NATION

Contempt eyed vs Comelec in Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS IN Pampanga is proceeding with the recount trial of losing gubernatorial candidate Lilia Pineda even as Gov. Eddie Panlilio has asked the Supreme Court to stop it.

'His move will preempt the Supreme Court...'



VEGETABLES grown in highland farms in Benguet are some of the most prone to frost. Benguet's top market for its vegetable produce is Metro Manila but plans are being made to export vegetables to the United States.

Benguet farmers air worries over frost, cold temperatures

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

Coping with the cold

Falling temperatures

Frost bites

Tough task

Smarter farmers

Bacolod bishop backs whistle-blower





US, Lanao Sur execs to sign Balikatan deal



NEWSBRIEFS

No insurance coverage for death in boxing

False text messages spread on gov's death

Police to use forensics in another child murder

Colleagues mourn death of fish examiner at sea

Cavite school to hold 10th foundation day

INQUIRER Mindanao

Little Swiss shop helps 'lumad' villages

By Germelina Lacorte
Davao City

WHILE PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo hobnobbed with the richest and most powerful people at the world economic summit in Davos, Switzerland, early this year, three Swiss women from Jegenstorf, a village 16 kilometers from Berne, were in Mindanao, mingling with the poorest of the poor.

Funds that Theresa Ladeli has been sending to RP have benefited 40,000 Filipinos





THERESA Ladeli founder Monika Baumann.

'Ladeli'

Beneficiaries

Shock

Amazement

Nogi's political journey to the top

By Jeffrey M. Tupas and Germelina Lacorte
Davao City

EVEN PEOPLE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN DAVAO CITY'S first district, the biggest among the three congressional areas in terms of voting population, know Rep. Prospero Nograles, now Speaker of the House of Representatives.

'No sweet journey'

Political transformation

'Burlesque King'

Wish come true: Page 1 byline …





Go to Mass, and get fired, Cabinet …





BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

'No reason why I should quit'

THEY'RE ALL OVER METRO

Razon: Nothing sinister in spy cams

Old rivals, La Salle-Ateneo, team up for truth's sake

Whistle-blower: Knowledge …

Comparison

Doble's turnaround

Powerful combination

Longer shelf life



Return to sender …

Not giving up

'I love you'

Read and reread

PNP admits bending rules on Lozada

By Alcuin Papa

SC 'Hello Garci' ruling also a lecture on press freedom



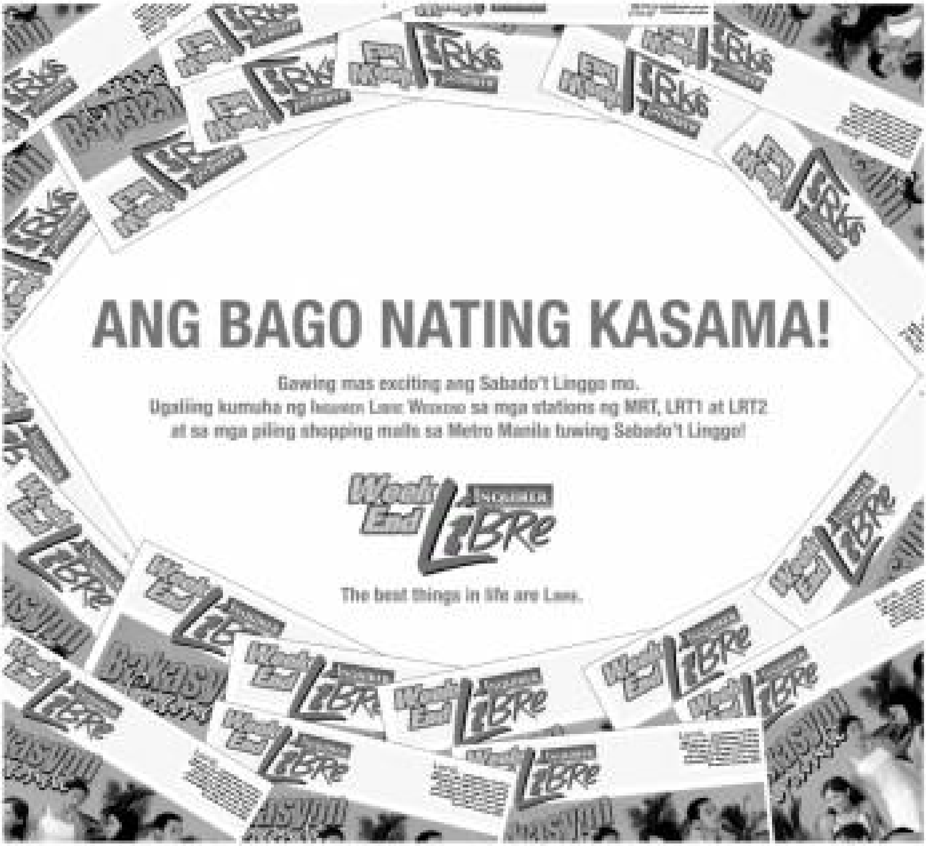
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Validated restraints

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Pressing onward toward the 400th mark



THE OLD UST Press building

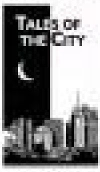
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Imaginativeness

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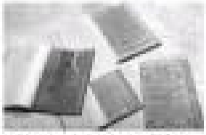
A WALK TO REMEMBER

Manila cemetery last stop for retired medic





Pressing onward toward the 400th mark

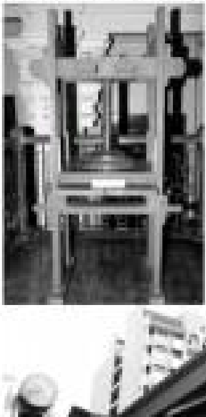






WORKERS at the old UST Press building

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GLOBAL Pinoy

Living his dream in the States



Most Filipino professionals who are in the US work outside their profession. This IT expert from Las Piñas is one of the few who made it in their chosen field

By Leah C. Salterio
Contributor

MANY FILIPINO PROFESsionals in the United States often end up working outside their field of expertise. Engineers become cable television men and doctors end up as nurses.

But a few are lucky enough to find the job they trained for and get the financial rewards they expect.

Future enterprise product

Exposure to bigger business

Learn language of business

See things Filipino

Best accomplishment

Bonding



Expat Filipinos saving dying, historic river

Ancient ships

Drainage system

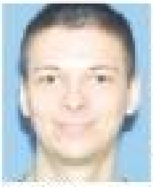
Common problem

The WORLD

US scientists list 14 top technological challenges

US gunman was outstanding student, 'revered' in campus

DEKALB, ILLINOIS—THE GUNMAN WHO SHOT dead five people at a university here has been identified as an "outstanding" graduate student with no history of trouble but signs of erratic behavior in the last two weeks.



KAZMIERCZAK

Democrats look for way to avoid convention rift



PARADE FOR A JUMBO CAUSE

WorldBriefs

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Court declares adventurer Fossett legally dead

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Realtors seek 2-0 edge

It'll be hard for Purefoods to beat us, says SLR coach



Celebrities grace PBA Finals

IN HUDDLE



SPORTSWATCH

Golden Wheel awards set Feb. 25 at Pagcor

Drag racing Feb. 24

Valentine gallop

FEU booters eye title sweep

Gomez rebounds in Moscow chess



Firebird rules PCAP, Tanay derbies

Lascuña nine shots down in Jakarta despite a 64



LASCUÑA

Two Cuban coaches arriving Wednesday

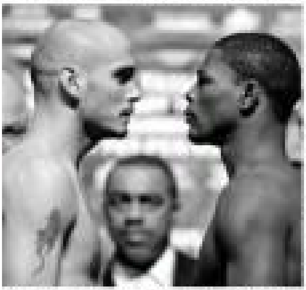
By Marc Anthony Reyes

Mickelson gets another chance at an LA triumph



PSC okays overseas training for RP bets

By Marc Anthony Reyes



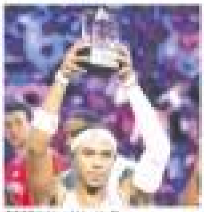
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Down-to-earth Pavlik still held down by his roots

Still a visitor

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Stars lend New Orleans a hand





'Near-deal' leaves Kidd wondering what's next

US squad will be Olympic champions, vows LeBron

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Key to Sr. Pedro's success

'Lechon manok' chain shares blessings with small farmers





PETER "Sr. Pedro" Unabia



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Peter the farmer

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Benguet develops RP's first organic potato varieties









Key to . . .

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Growing with a supermarket chain





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Hog convention up

Winsource bags deals

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John C. Maxwell

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Crisis or counselor?

Toyota marks milestone

Marketing a health juice against all odds

A creative life

Home is where the art is for a group of painting enthusiasts living in Ayala Westgrove Heights.







There is something about Ayala Westgrove Heights that draws out the creativity in people. This enclave in the South has been attracting a diverse group of residents: professionals and students, athletes and artists, young and old, bound together by a special sense of kinship.

This is happily evident among an informal group of artists that found themselves living here. Led by Peter Sutcliffe, an Englishman and former journalist who chose to retire in Westgrove, they draw inspiration from the environs of the place and from each other.

Sutcliffe has painted all his life, and Westgrove's orchard atmosphere is an endless source of inspiration. "First of all, the landscape around here is quite fantastic. The interior of the estate is manicured like an English park," he says. "I love painting trees, and I have no shortage of beautiful trees and green space."

Built around a former orchard, Westgrove is home to thousands of mature mango trees. They flourish all over the 400 hectares of the property, dotting rolling hills, offering shade in parks, adding beauty to homes and bearing fruit for the community to harvest during the summer.

Sutcliffe generously lends his time and talent in mentoring Westgrove's budding artists. Gabby Santos, 19, discovered that there was a painter in her. "I didn't know anything about brushes and mixing colors, much less painting on canvas! Before I knew it, I was looking at gray clouds, cobalt blue skies, burnt sienna mountains and trees ... maybe living in this place can make you see yourself in another light, giving you more room for introspection."

Claudia Morales, another resident, offers, "When I got here, Peter introduced me to watercolor and oil. When I'm home, I find that it's easier to paint. It's like therapy for me."

Sutcliffe and company encourage one another to improve their art, discovering new subjects and exploring new techniques and styles. It is this reciprocity and generosity of spirit that create a warm and genuine camaraderie among Westgrove residents.

It is a common sight to see neighbors painting al fresco or simply taking in the spectacular sights of Westgrove. The Orchard Hill, one of the more recently developed areas in the neighborhood, is a particularly good vantage point because of its elevation and quiet atmosphere. Sitting on an elongated hill, it gives residents panoramic views of ridges, forests and mango groves. It is surrounded by Orchard Park, a large open space with walking trails and gazebos.

On the south side of the park is a meadow-like spread with more mango trees and low grass. A small valley with a mini forest nestled on the slopes marks the north side. At the bottom of the valley is a wide clearing for biking, kite-flying, jogging and, of course, painting and sketching.

One might think a neighborhood this charming would have to be far from the city, but Westgrove is quite close to top-quality schools, hospitals, and retail and dining establishments. Everyday conveniences are well within reach of residents, and driving to Makati usually takes no more than an hour even with moderate traffic.

As the urban development of Metro Manila continues to head south, the areas surrounding Westgrove have been marked for major investment by the country's largest corporations. An early mover in the booming Silang/Sta. Rosa area, Westgrove is an already well-established neighborhood that is set to become one of the most prized locations in the very near future.

To know more about Westgrove, visit www.ayalalandpremier.com. To schedule a visit, call 848-5000 or email [illegible]

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel

Philippines among the world's most desired destinations



Thanks to aggressive and imaginative campaigns by the DOT, tourism grew by 8.7 percent last year



Philippines among the world's most desired destinations



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country's culture and traditions, sights and natural attractions.

The Philippine delegation consisted of key officials from the DOT. Officers from top travel associations and representatives from major hotels and resorts came in full force.

Top destinations

As part of its attempt to corner a bigger inflow of tourists, the DOT is refurbishing the country's major destinations and tourism services.

For instance, Metro Manila is being repackaged as an entertainment, leisure and shopping destination. Jarque said Manila is now considered as an end destination with many attractions and no longer as a mere stopover to the islands.

"The malls in Metro Manila have become more than places for shopping," said Jarque. "Shopping malls have evolved into lifestyle centers—places to celebrate special gatherings, to hang out with friends and to spend quality time with the family."

Palawan, on the other hand, is gaining international prominence in high-end adventure travel programs. Several investors, including Singapore's Banyan Tree, are eyeing Palawan for integrated resorts.

Cebu is being developed as an ideal destination for meetings, incentive travels, conventions and exhibitions (MICE).

Bohol, aside from its pristine beaches and natural attractions, now boasts of boutique properties like Eskaya Beach Resort and Amorita Resort.

Boracay has implemented a one-entry, one-exit policy.

DOT is also exploring volcano and surfing tourism. "We are pushing Mt. Pinatubo more than ever," said Jarque. "There is now kayaking on the volcanic lake."

Festivals showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage are also major draws. "First-time visitors are looking for something new—culture and places of history, the reason why they love to see festivals," said Jarque. Some of the most sought after festivals are the Sinulog of Cebu, Mindoro's Bahay Festival, Bohol's Sandugo and Bacolod's MassKara festival.

Tailor-made campaign

The department has engaged in market-specific campaigns carrying the same umbrella tagline, "Beyond the Usual," promoting the country's 7,107 islands.

Jarque said the DOT is designing specific programs to cater to the different needs of the market. It is also building on existing strategies that worked.

Towards in Korea, for instance, showed that Koreans were attracted to the diversity of the islands, that one island offers something unique from another.

"Koreans love adventure," Jarque said. He added Koreans usually come to the country Friday night, play golf the following day, then enjoy a relaxing massage and eat Korean food, and play 18-hole golf before flying back.

In Japan, the DOT built the campaign around the beach destinations, such as Boracay and Bohol. This is based on a survey that said the beaches were what the Japanese loved about the Philippines.

The Chinese, according to DOT, are happy and contented with the package tours and shopping. So DOT offers budget shopping tours designed specifically for the China market.

And what are the new markets the department is hoping to penetrate?

"We are now focusing on Russia and India," said Jarque. "For Russia, we have just implemented the 21-day visa-free entry to the Philippines." Waiving the visa requirement would encourage more contacts and tourist relations between the two countries.

"Russia is a valuable market for us. They stay an average of three weeks in the Philippines and they hop through the islands of Palawan and Boracay. By spending a long time here, they tend to spend more," explained Jarque during the ATF conference.

The Russian tourism today, according to Jarque, are very rich and prefer tailor-made holidays over off-the-shelf packages. They usually stay between three to four days in the city before moving on to beach resorts for at least a week. Singapore Tourism Board (STB) reports show Russian arrivals have been growing steadily in the last few years, making it an important market for Asia.

In 2007, the average length of stay for visitors across all markets was "8.7 nights compared to 11.6 nights in 2006.

Infrastructure

The continued growth of foreign arrivals however put more pressure on the country's infrastructure. Currently, hotel occupancy rates in Metro Manila are close to 80 percent. The good news is, according to DOT, there are significant investments being



PHILIPPINES booth at the 26th Asean Tourism Forum in Impact Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok



AMBASSADOR Antonio Rodriguez (center) with Department of Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab and Undersecretary Eduardo Jarque

made on infrastructure.

DOT said it would continue to develop new facilities to cope not only with the increasing tourism arrivals but also with the changing needs and demands of the growing market.

"More and more hotels are opening while some are being upgraded," said Jarque.

This year, Boracay welcomes its first international branded hotel, the 217-room Shangri-La Boracay Resort and Spa. The 150-room Marriott Inn & Suites Mall of Asia and the 156-room Manila Ocean Park Hotel will also be inaugurated.

Several domestic and foreign investors—Banyan Tree and the Kingdom Holdings from Saudi Arabia—announced new projects in key destinations such as Cebu, Boracay, Negros Oriental, Ilocos and Palawan.

Provincial airports in Iloilo, Kalibo, Puerto Princesa and Bacolod are being upgraded to accommodate international flights. As a result, several global airlines have opened new regular and charter flights not only to Manila but also direct flights to key tourist destinations. China Eastern Airlines has mounted direct flights to Cebu.

"Low-cost carriers have contributed a lot in terms of tourist arrivals to the country," said Jarque. "In fact, there are tie-ups made with airlines to lower ticket prices."

For 2008, the DOT is targeting US$5.8 billion in tourism income, surpassing the medium-term goal set two years ago of US$5 billion in 2010.

The department pledged further investment in promotions, including education travel and medical tourism. Participation in trade and consumer events primarily to attract holiday-seekers, honeymooners, families and students will be DOT's top priority this year.

Jarque said 2007 was indeed a fruitful year for Philippine tourism and he hopes that new investors will flock to the country this year.

Email the author at [illegible]



DEPARTMENT of Tourism officials with Team Asia-Pacific headed by [illegible], hotel and resort representatives and tour operators





MINI-VOLLEYBALL tournament





LUXURIOUS and laid-back life at Pico de Loro Cove; (inset) a day on the open sea

YACHT anchored on the waters of Pico de Loro Cove

Regatta off scenic Nasugbu coast

SEVEN YACHTS RECENTLY raced from the waters of Manila Bay to the white sands of Pico de Loro Cove in the 1st Hamilo Coast Tuto Kehana Memorial Cup.

Organized by the Manila Yacht Club (MYC), the annual regatta is a tribute to Tuto Kehana, a former commodore of the club. The one-day event saw seven participating boats, namely Joyride, Jo De Rose, Rappaero XXII, Wasabi, Challenge, Selma Star and Lugo 11.

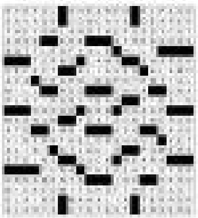
Hamilo coast is the premier real estate development of SM Investments Corp. (SMIC) in Nasugbu, Batangas, which features Pico de Loro Cove and 12 other coves. The tranquility of Hamilo Coast's lush mountains and clear blue waters makes it an ideal destination for MYC's sailors.

Upon arrival at Pico de Loro Cove, sailors took time to enjoy the view and unwinde with some well-deserved rest. Later on, everyone prepared for their mini-volleyball tournament, with Team Joyride eventually taking first place. Selma Star and Jo De Rose took second and third place, respectively. Trophies and rash guards were awarded to the winners.

The day ended with a short program hosted by sailing committee chair George Harber, where winners of the 1st Hamilo Coast Tuto Kehana Memorial Cup were announced. In the PY category, Lugo 11 snatched first place, while Rappaero XXII came in second. Allen Chua's Joyride bagged the top prize in the IRC category, followed by Jo De Rose in second place and Wasabi in third.

With the success of this race, Hamilo Coast is looking forward to supporting more local and international regattas and further establishing itself as a premier tourist destination in the country.

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



Tokyo, old and new

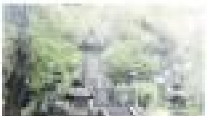


This great Japanese metropolis shows that a place doesn't have to get rid of its past just to make way for the present





Highly affluent











Well-preserved touches







MARIVIC del Pilar (second from left), Victory Liner, Inc. marketing manager, during the launch of Victory Liner's "Northern Exposure" campaign. Joining her are [illegible], VLI's assistant vice president for operations; [illegible], regional director, Department of Tourism; and [illegible], vice president for marketing of Manila North Tollways Corp.



Have a Northern Exposure

VICTORY LINER HAS LAUNCHED a new campaign, "Northern Exposure," to promote travel destinations in the north.

The bus line that has been servicing the northern route for the past 60 years also wants to showcase the region's colorful festivals, its hospitable people and gustatory delights.

Marivic del Pilar, marketing and treasury manager, said the campaign would showcase the wide variety of experiences North Luzon offered.

She said the north offered fantastic views and world-class hotels and inns where travelers can stay in comfort, restaurants for people with discriminating tastes and malls for shopaholics.

With a well-maintained highway connecting the region, traveling is faster and more comfortable.

The Northern Exposure campaign will be promoted through brochures, posters and other information materials to be made available in Victory Liner terminals, buses and selected government offices.

The materials will give people a glimpse of the region's beauty and keep them abreast of upcoming activities and festivals.

Victory Liner hopes that through this campaign, both local and foreign tourists will be encouraged to visit northern destinations, especially on board clean, comfortable and secure Victory Liner buses.

Del Pilar said they had undertaken [illegible] and [illegible] activities and strengthened security for Victory Liner buses to assure passengers of a comfortable, safe and enjoyable journey.

Victory Liner has terminals strategically located across Metro Manila. Visit www.victoryliner.com.



A BUS stewardess demonstrates to Marivic del Pilar, Victory Liner marketing director, how to recline the seat of the tourist bus during the launching of the Northern Exposure campaign. Victory Liner will ply the [illegible] of Northern Luzon using new and premium tourist buses.



New Lonely Planet book features Camiguin

"BLUELIST 2008," A LONELY PLANET travel book, is now available in local bookstores and online at www.lonelyplanet.com.

Highlights include a breathtaking photo of White Island in Camiguin taken by Filipino photographer and writer [illegible].

It's one of only 14 photos in the book's "Blissful Moments" section, which is devoted to the most captivating travel images and experiences sent in by photographers from all over the world as determined by the book's editorial team.

Touted as "the definitive travel encyclopedia" by the New York Daily News and filled with stunning photographs, "Lonely Planet Bluelist" is an informative guide to the best travel destinations in the planet.

This year's edition also features "[illegible] of Islam," a special section on the cultures and cuisines of the Islamic World, and "Endangered Wildlife," a yearly glimpse in the best places to see endangered animals in their natural habitat.

"Bluelist 2008" also cites the Philippines' Mt. Pinatubo in a section on the world's most eruptive volcanoes.

Travel Briefs

Airline upgrades fleet

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Israel-Egypt pilgrimage

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Visita Iglesia

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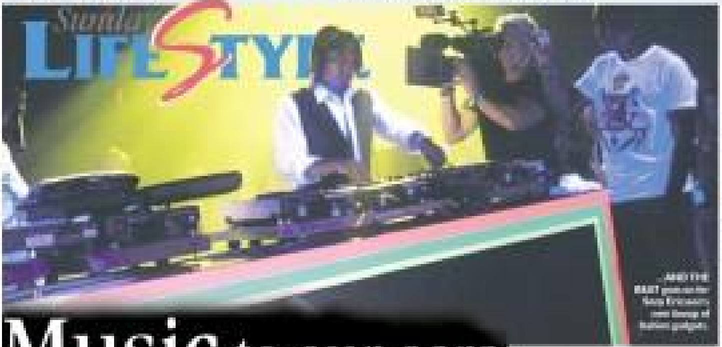
Free flights to Hawaii for 100

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Music to our ears



Sony Ericsson's new line of Walkman phones debuts in a unique music festival in Melbourne, Australia

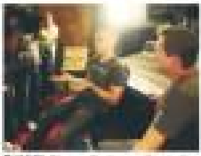






Music to our ears







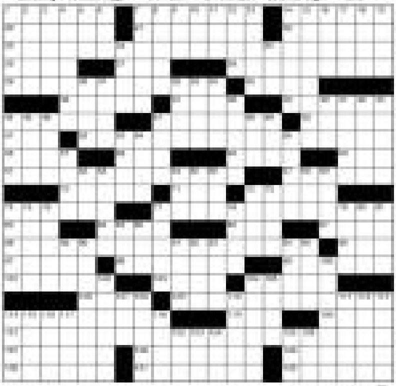
Preloaded music

House music duo



SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — **COURSE**



Say hello to musical phones







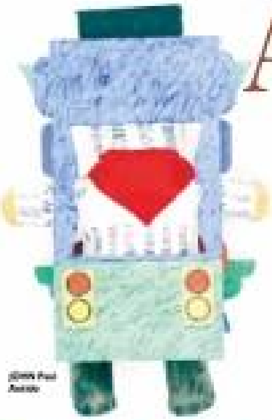


DOLL created by Malang





KITTY Taniguchi



Art out of thin air

[illegible]

Breaking cheerleading stereotypes

"IT TAKES A REAL man to go and try cheerleading."

[illegible]





It's also a guy thing, says visiting American experts

[illegible]



IT TAKES a real man to cheer. After all, cheerleading started as a sport for men.





THE PROGRAM provides students with a solid foundation to build a career in hospitality management.



ENDERUN has partnered with Alain Ducasse Formation (ADF) to design and operate a new culinary center in Enderun's Fort Bonifacio campus.



THE PEDAGOGICAL training in cooking, confectionery, bakery, service and wine-maker's duties provided within the framework of the ADF program is created by the technical staff of Alain Ducasse's Training Centre.

Bright employment prospects in hospitality industry



ENDERUN's core curriculum provides education in the liberal arts and complements the technical demands of its hotel and culinary curricula.



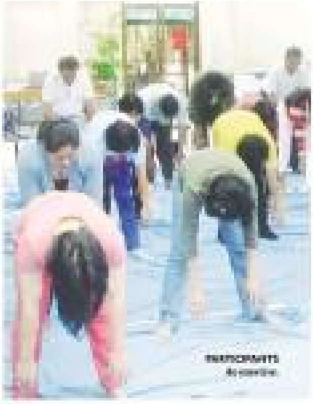
THE CLASSES (practical and theoretical) are given by teachers from ADF and Enderun who have gone through rigorous training and certification by Alain Ducasse's team of culinary experts.

Trumpets Playshop's new summer workshops



TRUMPETS Playshoppers





School for modern manners









After such an extra special weekend, I always feel like I love my husband more. He is the opposite; he says his love for me is always the same, and he says it with flowers

Weekend of infinite romance



TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes





HILL-TOP private villas of Nami Resort



CRUISING ladies [illegible] Tani, Jaya Manalang, Pia de Villa of Smart and Giselle Sta of Infinity



SEAIR happy passengers Jun Escario and Cheese Ledesma-Ong

Weekend of infinite romance

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its breathtaking views of the beach). The main beach is a 15-minute walk away, as the cliff resorts are in a quiet part of Bora, giving it an entirely different atmosphere.

Warm welcome

Nami Resort owner Candy Perez de Tagle and the Smart Infinity group led by Giselle Sta welcomed us as they introduced us to our personal Nami butlers. Our spacious room had a 180-degree panorama of the ocean and was absolutely beautiful. The resident pianist was all prepared for a quick dip before our complimentary massage at the Nami Spa. The Infinity package is loaded with perks and is the most impressive [illegible] offer I've yet seen.

Another perk, and the most memorable activity of the weekend, was the complimentary sunset cruise around the pristine shores of Boracay aboard the country's largest catamaran yacht—the Infinity M/S Vianello. This sunset cruise is available for both the Boracay and El Nido Vacation Packages.

The picturesque sunset from the Vianello's deck was absolutely classic. We indulged on delectable sushi and sashimi, [illegible] and sparkling champagne, served by our Nami butlers. Yacht owner Joel Ong proudly toured us and pointed out the best lounging area, in the front of the yacht, lying on a mesh net as the waves slipped by underneath.

His happily pregnant wife, Cheese Ledesma, was quite comfortable as we sailed from one end of the beach to the other. **Captain Marcello Kaiser**, a [illegible] who has lived in our country long enough to speak Tagalog, was responsible for the smooth sailing.

The festivities continued with a complimentary sumptuous Infinity dinner of grilled salmon and [illegible]. From the appetizers to the dessert of crème brûlée, we enjoyed it all. Good thing, Dennis and I swam after the cruise to burn some calories.

The Smart Infinity Vacation Package in El Nido, Palawan has the same inclusions as the Boracay Package, with an island tour and water sport activities. With this offer, it truly is the best time to join and enjoy more of life's best. For inquiries, please call the Infinity Hotline at [illegible] or text [illegible]. You can also visit the nearest Smart Wireless Center or log on to www.smart.com.ph.

Flowers from hubby

After such an extra special weekend, I always feel like I love my husband more. He is the opposite; he says his love for me is always the same, the same. So this V-Day he said it the same way as always, with flowers.

Our house was filled with roses from [illegible] (tel. [illegible]) of [illegible]. Her flower shop in Alabang Town Center has a full-service spa and garden landscaping services. Check out her large and [illegible] varieties that she has delivered all over Metro Manila up to Cavite, Tagaytay, Batangas and Pampanga. [illegible] has a keen eye for beautiful garden arrangements, offers wedding and party floral settings, and can work with any budget.

Roses are red, violets are blue, I guess this is how my husband says, "I love you."

Donations

As a short P.S., let me continue with my listing of "Celebrity Dance" donations. Last week, I visited and turned over a check to Sr. Mary Jeanne and her Baby [illegible] project. I also met some ladies of the Good Shepherd Lay Affiliates who told me they watched every show.

It's a wonderful feeling to share all these proceeds from the show. One nice thing is that Sterling de Jesus of GMA was able to arrange for the entire prize to be tax free so more could go to charity. Sterling also asked me to end with this announcement: [illegible] for Grand Reunion will be on Feb. 23. For further details, please call Edward Borgas at [illegible] or Claire Harand at [illegible].

E-mail the author at [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph.



SMART Infinity yacht sailing Boracay shores



CAPTAIN Marcello Kaiser of M/S Vianello



PERSONAL Nami butler [illegible] and the speedboat



NAMI Resort's Queen Dungan and Bridget [illegible]



NAMI Resort owner Candy Perez de Tagle with her sushi spread



NAMI Resort's private cove



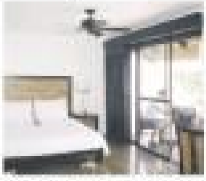
BEAUTIES cruising on board M/S Vianello along Bora shores



HAPPY cruisers heading to the Infinity yacht



SMART Infinity romantic dinner at Nami Resort



SPACIOUS suite and balcony of Nami Resort



PRIVATE Jacuzzi facing Boracay beach



GOOD Shepherd Sr. Mary Jeanne with Celebrity Dance donation and [illegible]



PANORAMIC view of Nami Resort

EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

How can he get out of a sticky situation?

DEAR EMILY,

I'm 49, have a decent family, a good job in a government agency and have lived an honest life so far, save for one weakness—women.

My wife once said I was attractive to women. True. I have taken advantage of it and that makes me a jerk, I know. It would be so simple if it were only sex that was involved. But that is where my problem begins.

I am now in a full-blown year-long affair. She is a year older than me, separated with four grown kids. She is good-looking, intelligent and a very good conversationalist.

When we met, her children were about to migrate to the United States to join their father.

I became the shoulder that she cried on after her children left. I'm sure she called on those days when she felt all alone.

From being a predator, I became her lover. I fell in love with her to the point of seriously considering finding a place for the two of us.

I realized that what I was doing was grossly unfair to my family, especially to my wife. She had some inkling that something was amiss when she found a text message from the other woman in my cell phone. Of course, I denied everything.

It was then that the reality of the affair hit me.

I take pride in planning well both for my profession and personal life. I have a good career and I am well respected in my workplace. Though my pay is government scale, with my wife's salary my family has a nice middle-class existence.

This affair, however, bothers me. I find it hard to prepare an exit plan without hurting three individuals—the other woman, my wife and myself.

I grabbed the opportunity to work abroad for a year when it presented itself. It was a career move mostly, but I saw it more as a chance to untangle the mess I was in.

These women are important to me and I know deep in my heart that the right thing to do is to end this affair.

I am almost done with my posting abroad and I intend to come home clean, cleansed, with this affair ended. I have reduced my communications with her, blocked her calls and barely responded to her e-mail and messages.

But she continues her text messages and love letters by e-mail. She expects me to return to her. I cannot bring myself to tell her that we are through.

I am now rebuilding my relationship with my wife and have planned an extensive tour on our way home. We tenderly refer to this as "Project Fresh Me."

My wife does not know that she is looking out not only from my foreign posting but also from the mess I am in.

My exit plan is another thing altogether. I cannot bear to tell the other woman that our affair has effectively ended when I left the country.

Her state of mind is so fragile. She is all alone now and she always told me I was the only one left worth living for. I worry that I may drive her to suicide if we break up.

I ask God to help me resolve this foolishness I have committed and get me out of this situation.

LOST IN A COLD FOREIGN LAND

Your letter says two things about you. First, that you have awakened from your years of being a jerk and second, that you truly love your wife and family in the deepest recesses of your unsatisfied mind.

And now you are planning to make an orderly but are afraid to break the news? Hmmm…

Do you know of any non-messy way?

The best way to solve a problem is to go straight to the point, short and sweet. Treat it as any malignancy in your body that has to be cut off—cleanly and quickly.

The pain could be unspeakably horrible—but the suffering will be short. Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind.

If this woman is truly intelligent she should have factored in your status from the start. She may be single again but you are not, my good man!

Unless you promised her the moon and the planets during your most intimate moments, she knew she was not getting a free man who would spend the rest of his life with her.

Breakups can drive some lovers to suicide. The pain is so unbearably physical that the thought of death becomes a very attractive option. But you are not God!

No amount of pills or bullets can end her life if it is not meant to be. Do not flatter yourself that she would die because of you.

It will only happen if her time has really come.

What is great about this whole episode is you learned many lessons along the way as you were untangling yourself from the "mess" you got yourself into.

There is no former rooster than a reformed self-confessed jerk!

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letter to Inquirer. Log on to www.pia.gov.ph and listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Ba-Shaoon Nighlastu," 7:15-8:30 pm, Monday-Friday, on dwBB 104.1 FM.

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Editor, PO Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A picture of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.



MERCADO-DE LUNA

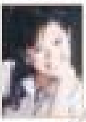
Carlo Angelo Mercado, an account executive of the Classified Ads Division of the Inquirer and son of Ariel and Maria Socorro Mercado, will exchange vows with Jennifer Pia de Luna, technical support engineer in Emerson Process Management (Daniel) Sykes Asia Philippines and daughter of Francisco (deceased) and Margaret de Luna, on Feb. 24 at Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish, Philam Homes, Quezon City. Reception will follow at the Pearl Hall of Sampaguita Inn, UP Diliman, QC. The bride and the entourage will wear designs by the Creations of Quezon City.

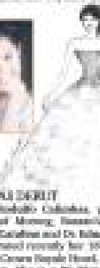




TABOTABO-DAMALERIO

Jerome Rafael E. Tabotabo, son of Jose and Ana Maria Tabotabo of Houston, Texas, wed recently Jeromae H. Damalerio, daughter of Jose and Dr. Sarao Damalerio of Consolacion, Cebu, at the Sacred Heart of Mary Parish Church. Reception was held at the Casino Español, Ramos St., Cebu City.





MACATLANG-FAMADOR

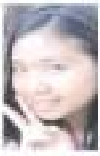
Julius T. Macatlang, son of Nuestro and Erlinda Macatlang, wed recently Lilibeth E. Famador, daughter of Sim Remeo (deceased) and Virginia Famador, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, QC. Reception was held at Fernwood Gardens. The entourage wore creations by Paul Hector Guzman.

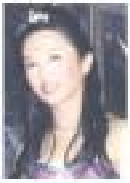
CALIMBAS DEBUT

Karen Rodolfo Calimbas, youngest daughter of Moreny, Bataan's former mayor Dr. Catalino and Dr. Reina Calimbas, celebrated recently her 18th birthday at the Crown Royale Hotel, Balanga City, Bataan. She is a BS Management freshman, major in Resource Management, at the De La Salle College of St. Benilde. The debutante wore creations by Frederick Peralta.

CRUZ DEBUT

Erika Joyce M. Cruz, daughter of Enrico and Esperanza Cruz, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at the Princess Ballroom of Aberdeen Court in Makati. She wore a Jared Lim Gallon creation.





MIRANDA DEBUT

Marie Stephanie Joan D. Miranda, only daughter of Isidro Jr. and Anita Miranda of Cagayan de Oro City, celebrated her 18th birthday recently with a dinner-dance party at the Mango Park Hotel, Mandaue Avenue, Cebu City. Her gown was designed by Jaggee of Cagayan de Oro City.

Shower your baby with love

BABY MAGAZINE, A SUMMIT Publishing Co. publication, celebrates the month of love with stories on how to preserve a marriage, common myths about married life, taking care of a special-needs child, the unique dad-daughter relationship.

It basically talks about how to surround your little ones with lots of love.

Other topics covered in the February issue include teaching your child morning routines (and helping himself/herself from bed to breakfast); the basics of ectopic pregnancy; caring for a Down Syndrome infant; helping a child overcome his/her shyness; and practical tips on on how not to lose a child in a mall.

Baby is available nationwide at National Bookstore, SM Department Store baby section, Baby & Co., Babyland, Power Books, Rustan and selected Mag:net plus outlets. Call 7383433/34.





WITH the entourage

A love that's meant to be

TERENCE LEE IS 28 YEARS old, a practical, soft-hearted person. He usually spends his spare time at home playing poker and computer games. He is a loving son to his parents and brother to his siblings.

Kathy Valentine is a jolly person who loves to sing and play with her two pets, Chobo, a shih tzu, and Wrigley, a mini pinscher. She is a graduate of Business Management from Centro Escolar University.

A former flight attendant of Air Philippines Corp., is now the administrator of a school owned by her family.

Lee and Valentine met in 1999 when they were both in college. It was love at first sight, according to Lee. Valentine also felt the same way.

But after two years of togetherness, they seemed to be growing apart and decided to break up.

Anyway, they believed that if they were really meant for each other they would find each other again.

And in December 2006 they did. They had become more mature persons and this time they were both prepared to bring their relationship a step forward.

Though many things have changed, their love for each other had remained, and had even grown deeper.

In January last year they became engaged and planned to marry the following year.

They are now officially Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terence Lee after tying the knot on Jan. [illegible] at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception (Manila Cathedral).

They celebrated the event with a dinner with family, closest relatives and friends at the Seafood Restaurant of Century Park Hotel in Makati.



TERENCE and Kathy Lee (nee Valentine)



THE NEWLYWEDS with the principal sponsors



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COLLEGE sweethearts, now husband and wife

Sunday LifeStyle



TOPIARY and stones draw attention to irregularly shaped pool.

A family getaway becomes a venue for spiritual renewal and team-building



PANKERA or railroad ties were used for wooden bridge leading to banban area.

Paradise is in Majayjay

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Roger Carpio

WHEN ADELAIDA Francisco Villazana bought a piece of lot beside a narrow stream in Majayjay, Laguna, she thought it would be an ideal weekend getaway for her family.

But the property was large so she also planned to build facilities other than the family's living quarters. The very spiritual Villazana, Daddie to family, hoped to lend the complex occasionally to people looking for a place where they could have a religious retreat or prayer meetings.

When her three children gave her idea of a family getaway a lukewarm reception, she proceeded with Plan B and turned the property into a modest facility for retreats and perhaps certain corporate activities like team-building exercises.

Today, the complex named Surga, Bahasa for paradise on earth, consists of a cluster of Asian structures, most of them providing dormitory-like accommodations, a tiny chapel, and a large garden with an irregularly shaped swimming pool and a pond currently filled with tilapia.

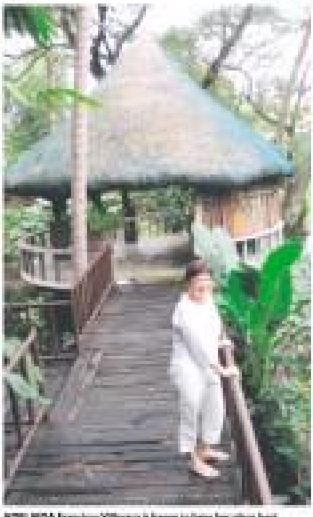
Rustic scenes

The stream that runs parallel to the property provides true rustic scenes, similar to those immortalized in the paintings of Fernando Amorsolo—women doing their laundry as their children bathe.

Except for the noise of trucks and other motor vehicles traversing an ancient stone concrete bridge that spans the stream, the scene seems frozen in time, transporting an observer to the past when life was immensely simpler.

No doubt it is the spirit and calm one finds in the property that has made Villazana's Plan B work. Surga has become a

PARADISE/F2



ADELAIDA Francisco Villazana is happy to have her place host retreats and team-building activities.





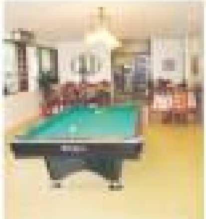


ASIAN-STYLE living quarters (left), shoree named Curly Sue (above) and old tobacco press

Paradise is in Majayjay



CHAPEL complements the Asian look of the complex



AMENITIES include recreation room

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venue for an increasing number of group activities through word of mouth.

And, much to the surprise and delight of Villanueva, even her children have found the "paradise" she has created extremely congenial. They have now gotten into the habit of bringing friends to spend a few days in the property.

A large part of Sanpi's charm and appeal comes from the sprawling garden that is accented by old, found and unusual items. Most of the various cottages are built to allow an uninterrupted view of the garden that is planted mainly to sturdy tropical plants.

The green of ferns and palms are relieved in some sections by patches of bromeliads with their red streaks.

From the crevices of a stone wall near the kitchen hang small orchids.

Several fruit-bearing trees that came with the property were left untouched so guests can enjoy lanzones, dalandan and rambutan, when they are in season, and langka, santol, [illegible], needless to say, coconut.

Odds and ends

The garden is dotted with oddities like an old kalesa and a tobacco press.

Pathways are delineated by railroad ties. Villanueva, whose roots are in Negros, got three truckloads of what are known locally as [illegible] from Negros Occidental's defunct railway system that used to transport sugar canes from the fields to the mills.

Four waterfalls provide the soothing sound of flowing water.

An added attraction and guaranteed to steal the heart of any visitor is Curly Sue, a shaggy haired miniature pony that roams the garden at certain times of day.

Sanpi is at [illegible], Barrio San Isidro, Majayjay, Laguna. Fax 7532509 or e-mail [illegible]



STREAM where Majayjay women do their laundry



SOCIAL hall of a cottage



POND filled with tilapia





THOUGH communal, bathrooms (left) offer some degree of privacy. Sofa beds (above) allow this room to be used for meetings and sleeping.

Floral exhibit opens Feb. 29

THE IKENOBO IKEBANA SOCIETY of Manila will have an exhibit of floral arrangements Feb. 29-March 2 at North Court, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City.

To be held in cooperation with Rockwell Land, the show will follow the seminar-workshop on Shoka, Rikka and Jiyuka styles of Ikenobo members Feb. 26-28 at Greenwich Clubhouse, Corinthian Gardens, QC.

Ikenobo Prof. Manabu Noda, who was assigned by headmaster Sen'ei Ikenobo from the Kyoto headquarters, will conduct the workshop.

During the exhibit, free lecture-demonstrations on various styles of Ikenobo Ikebana will be conducted by club members.



AMBASSADOR of Ikenobo Prof. Manabu Noda



RIKKA-STYLE arrangement by Ikebana Prof. [illegible] S. Medina

Leafy hideaway in Cavite

PARADIZOO IN MENDEZ, CAVITE, A theme farm conceptualized and run by businessman and entrepreneur Robert [illegible], is holding a Floral, Veggie and Livestock Fest until March 30. The fest is open to organic enthusiasts, livestock breeders, plant and veggie lovers, even families and barkada in search of a good hideaway.

The fest will have a parade of animals, adventure rides, greyhound racing, plus lectures on planting trees and flowering plants, honey bee culture, organic veggies, and livestock and exotic animal breeding. Booths and kiosks are available for interested participants.

Aside from serving meals, Paradizoo's cafe sells produce, flowers and also processed food such as homemade [illegible], coconut jam, peanut butter, and guava jelly and jam. Beside it is a ranch-type house that can accommodate visitors who choose to stay overnight.

There are fenced areas containing animals such as camels, imported Australian llamas, Boer and Kalahari goats, Dorper sheep, fallow and [illegible] deer, alpacas and llamas. The goats are also sources of milk and meat.

Paradizoo is actually a study in sustainability, as the animals are fed from the grass and plants grown within the area. A veterinarian attends to the animals and consultants help decide the varieties of fruits, vegetables and trees to be grown within the farm for shade and food.

There are areas planted to vegetables such as lettuce, tomatoes, and eggplants, all grown through organic means, meaning very little fertilizer and other chemicals are used to propagate them. Intercropping is also practiced in order to maximize use of the land and water.

The Bromeliad and Orchid Pavilions can house up to 150 people for picnics and family outings, weddings and birthdays, school celebrations, office events.

There is also an apiary house where honey is extracted and sold, a quail house and hatchery for ostrich eggs and ring-necked pheasants, a pet cemetery where Manila folks have begun to bury their four-legged loved ones, several gardens, a papaya grove, and a zoo park.

Shuttle service from Manila to Paradizoo is provided. Call [illegible], or 0927-7740111.



PARADIZOO in Mendez, Cavite



KITCHEN and dining room before the makeover



POP ART. Portraits of Dina and her three children give the dining area a perfect backdrop of splashes of color.

Housewife gets her wish—and much more

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HER DREAM kitchen now a reality, Dina Galian and family look forward to sharing more great meals and good times together.



NO MORE dark, decrepit cabinets. The Galians' new kitchen is now a brightly lit space with lots of storage room.



COLLEGE of St. Augustine Youth Build members



HELP change their worlds.



Help build homes in Bicol this summer



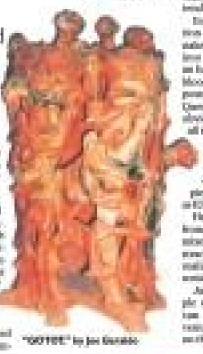


Bright future for Philippine art

By Constantino C. Tejero



This art space is featuring young, dedicated and emerging painters and sculptors



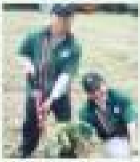






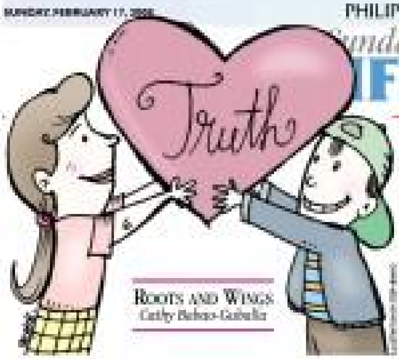


Tree propagation marks convenience store's 25th anniversary





Sunday LifeStyle



ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao-Guballa

Raising honest, truthful kids

THE HEADLINES OVER THE past few weeks have put many parents like me in a deep quandary about the state of this country. What does the future hold for our children as this mud circus takes place?

I choose to view this whole chain of events as an opportunity to teach my child about the importance of saying what is real and to raise them to become truth-tellers.

When I was a child, there was only one instance that would merit spanking from my father—if I told a lie. Lying in any form was tantamount to receiving corporal punishment in our household.

Looking back, and seeing where we are now, I am glad that my dad was very harsh with us when it came to telling the truth.

I spoke with noted family psychologist Dr. Honey Carandang about what we as parents could do to help our children understand the current muddled state of the nation and the practical ways available to us to ensure that our children grow up to become truth tellers.

Back in 2004, Dr. Carandang had delivered a speech to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at the University of the Philippines on the subject of truth-telling and national healing.

'You cannot raise a truth-teller if you are not one yourself,' says noted family psychologist Dr. Honey Carandang

Responsibility

RAISING G4









Greatest miracle of the Sto. Niño de Providencia

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang



Fiesta

Centennial fiesta

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Papal award

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ORDINATION

Dominican School marks 50th year



CLUB activity in Dominican School

Sound Catholic education



DOMINICAN School's elementary building

Letran offers accountancy scholarships





An emerging university town in Abucay, Bataan

TRAVELING BY LAND, approximately 119 kilometers north from Manila, or 50 kms west across Manila Bay, is the agricultural and fishing town of Abucay, Bataan.

Dominican Hills

Good environment





Jollibee GK Village: Unique Partnership Focusing on Disaster Prevention





Lent, truth-telling and Jun Lozada

By Fr. Sol T. Martinez
Contributor



OUR POSTMODERN society is characterized by the almost unbridled power of the media, babble of perception, eradication of hierarchies, merging of binary opposites and the blurring of the divide between the artificial and the real, truth and falsity, fact and fiction, light and darkness, good and evil.

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> The very complexity of human nature—a capacity for both compromise and courage—is reflected in the star witness of the ZTE scandal

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Black and white

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Reckoning

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Raising honest, truthful kids

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> We must inculcate in our children the values of truth and inner strength

Four ways

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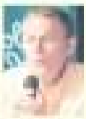
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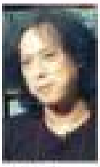
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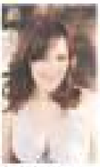
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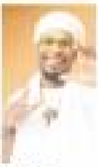







BOB Aves


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Local promoter working on a U2 concert

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Ritenour leads top jazz stars in RP fest

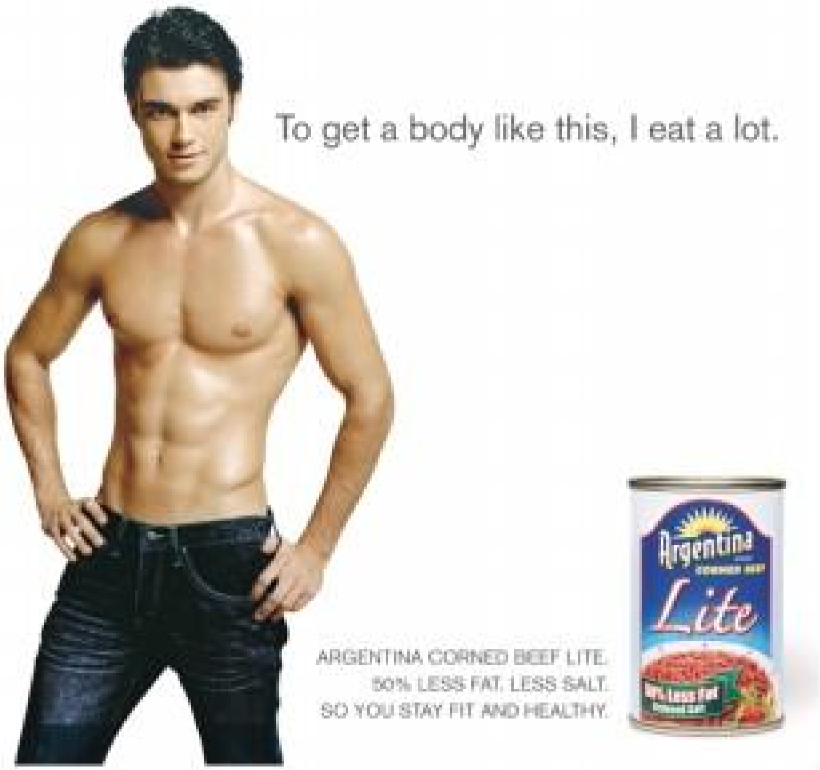
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Workshops

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All-star cast of Oscars presenters bared

LOS ANGELES—OSCAR ORGANIZERS have unveiled an all-star cast of presenters for the 80th Academy Awards, following the end of the Hollywood writers strike.

The list includes last year's winning actors—Alan Arkin, Jennifer Hudson, Helen Mirren, Forest Whitaker. Among the other names: Cate Blanchett, Tom Hanks, Harrison Ford, Nicole Kidman, Denzel Washington, Jessica Alba, Josh Brolin, Steve Carell, Penelope Cruz, Patrick Dempsey, Cameron Diaz, Colin Farrell, Jennifer Garner, Anne Hathaway, Katherine Heigl, Queen Latifah, Martin Scorsese, Hilary Swank, John Travolta, Renee Zellweger. AFP



Ritenour leads top ...

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Matthew Fox sees the biz as a marathon, not a sprint

By Janet Susan R. Nepales
Los Angeles Correspondent

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Film snob!

No need to fret

Highlights

Racer X

'Secret' competition between Angel and Marian heats up

VIEWFINDER



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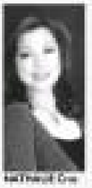
Advantage of time

Should-see films

Feedback



Good reviews for Pinay in US theater



From TV star to rival network's head hunter?

RUSHES SUNDAY



Angel burger

Playback time

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Tough luckies

Moms, stay away

They're real

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Pinoy 'queen' film wins in Berlinale

'Star Wars' actor to produce, act in 'Beast of Bataan'



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—CONGRATULATIONS TO the cast and crew of "The Amazing Truth About Queen Raquela," described by Variety as "about a Filipino lady-boy prostitute who fancies herself the true queen of France," for winning the best feature Teddy at the Berlinale's Teddy Queer Film Awards last Thursday.

Raquela Rios stars as herself in the feature co-produced by Arleen Cuevas and directed by Olaf de Fleur Johannesson.

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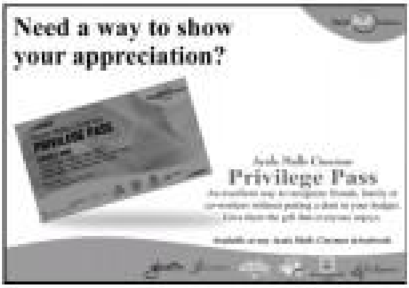
VICTORIOUS IN FRANCE



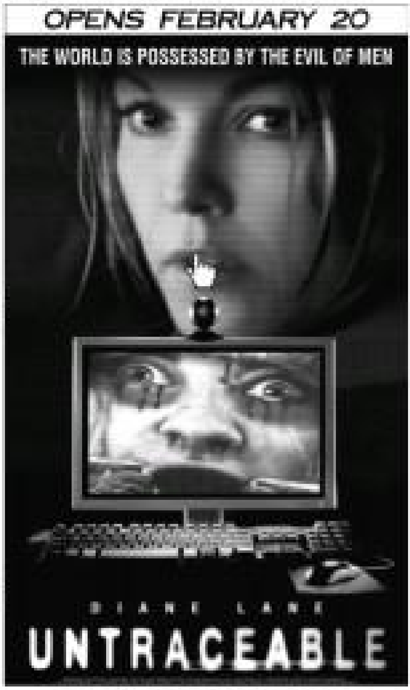
RAQUELA Rios is queen at Berlinale. "The Amazing Truth About Queen Raquela," which stars Raquela as herself and is co-produced by Arleen Cuevas, won the best feature Teddy at the Berlinale's Teddy Queer Film Awards last Thursday.

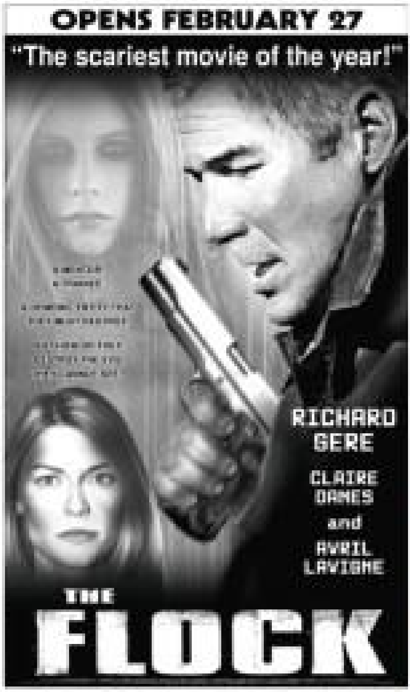
Fourth USTv Students' Choice Awards set Feb. 20







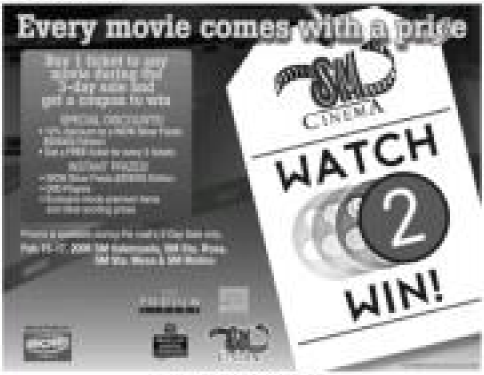






Abadeha, Philippine Cinderella

SM Cinema movietime



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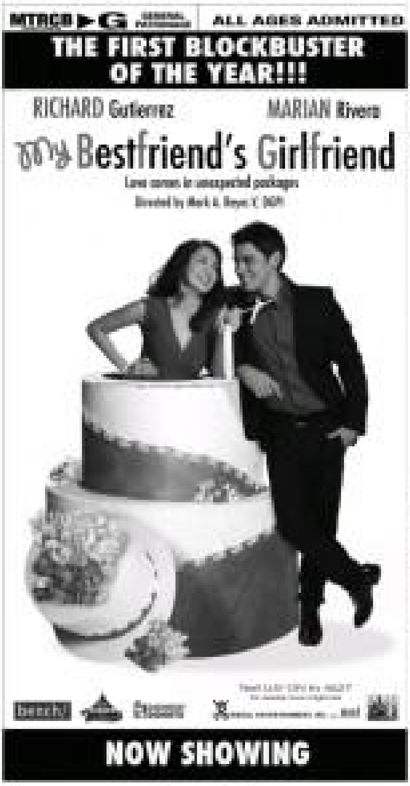
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Roundup

Global Pinoys in 'MMK'

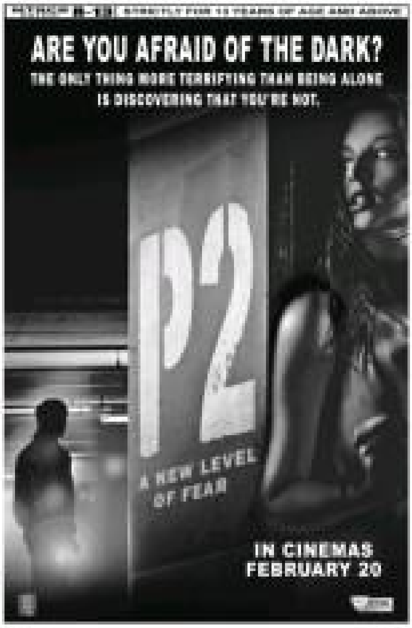
Global Pinoys abroad can now share their life experiences on radio via DZMM's daily afternoon drama program, "MMK sa DZMM" hosted by Charo Santos-Concio.

Overseas Filipino workers, their families, Filipino migrants or even Filipino students may mail their stories to DZMM, ABS-CBN Compound, Mother Ignacia cor. Sgt. Esguerra, Diliman, Quezon City or to mmk@dzmmabs-cbn.com.

DZMM personnel will contact senders of chosen letters.

The winning senders will also get a free ABS-CBN Studio Tour, free studio passes to "Wowowee," special DZMM/ABS-CBN gift items.

Their life stories will be serialized within a period of one week.



'Pisay' screenings

Auraeus Solito's award-winning independent film "Pisay," the story of how eight Philippine Science High School students come of age as the Marcos government is ousted by the 1986 People Power Revolution, will have a week-long screening at the SM Cinemas from Feb. 20 to 27. This coincides with the Edsa revolt anniversary.

Participating SM Cinemas are North Edsa, Megamall, Manila, Southmall, Fairview and San Lazaro.

At the Cinemas

Mall	Cinema	Film
Glorietta 1	1	Jumper
	2	Spiderwick Chronicles
	3	The Eye
	4	My Bestfriend's Girlfriend
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Greenbelt 1	1	Spiderwick Chronicles
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At the Malls







Pinoy 'queen' film . . .

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Seems they've only just begun

By Pocholo Concepcion



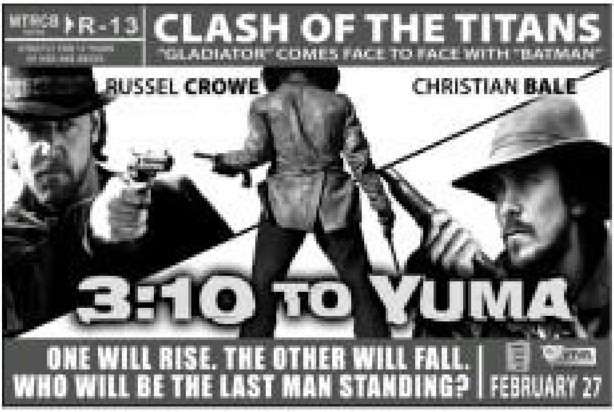
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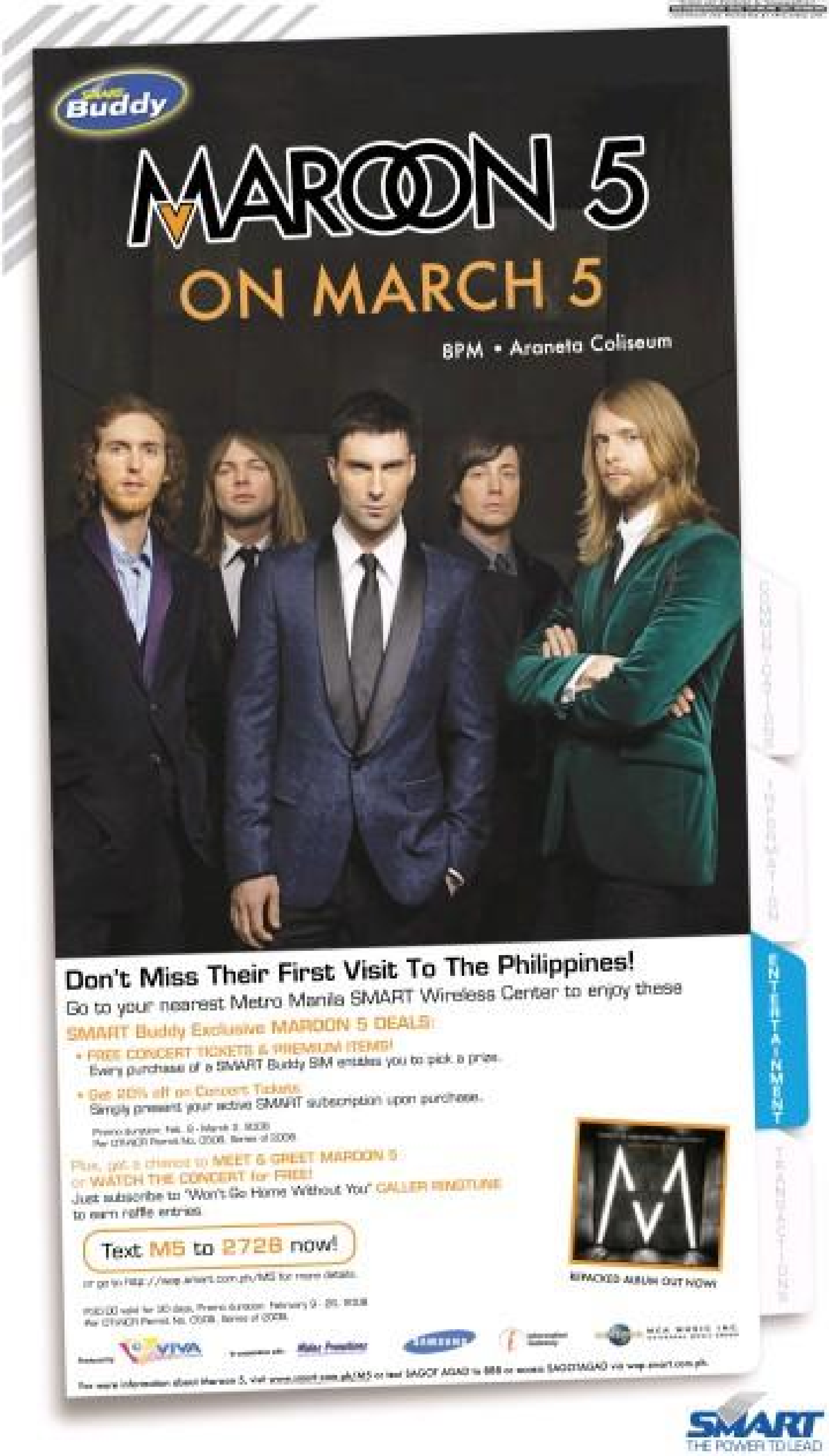
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